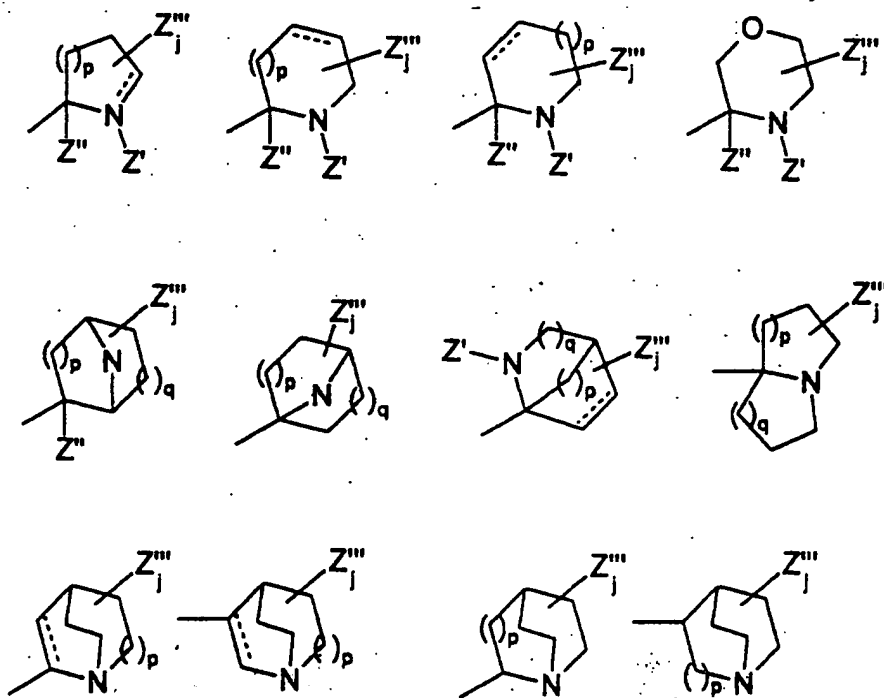


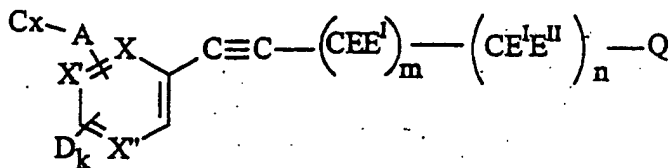
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C1 where Z' represents hydrogen or lower alkyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or aryloxycarbonyl; Z'' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Z''' is a non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; the dotted line indicates a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond, p is 0, 1 or 2; q is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and j is an integer from 0 to 3,

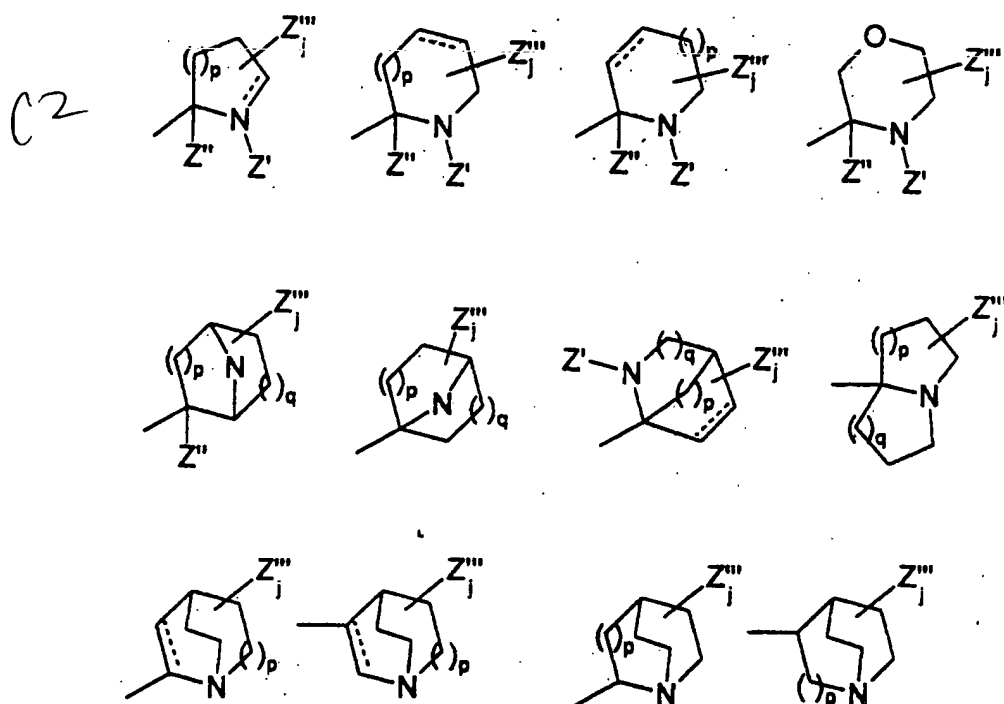
wherein Z'''^j refers to j number of Z''' substituents.

16. (Three Times Amended) A compound of the formula:



C2 where X'' is nitrogen and X, X' are individually carbon bonded to a substituent species selected from the group consisting of hydrogen alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl; arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, halo, -OR', -NR'R'', -CF₃, -CN, -NO₂, -C₂R', -SR', -N₃, C(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)R'', -C(=O)R', -C(=O)OR', -OC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR'R'', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''C(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''SO₂R', -OC(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)OR'', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', and -NR'SO₂R'', where R' and R'' are individually hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or an aromatic group-containing species selected from the group consisting of phenyl, benzyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolyl and quinolinyl, and r is an integer from 1 to 6, or R' and R'' can together form a cycloalkyl group; A is O, C=O or a covalent bond; D is a suitable non-hydrogen substituent species selected from the group of substituent species for X, X' and X''; k is 0, 1 or 2; Cx is selected from a group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted non-aromatic heterocyclyl, non-aromatic heterocyclylalkyl and

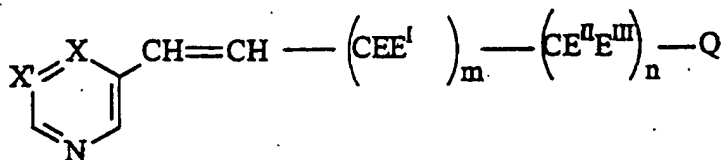
substituted non-aromatic heterocyclalkyl; m is an integer and n is an integer such that the sum of m plus n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; E, E^I, E^{II} and E^{III} individually represent hydrogen or a suitable non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; and Q is selected from:



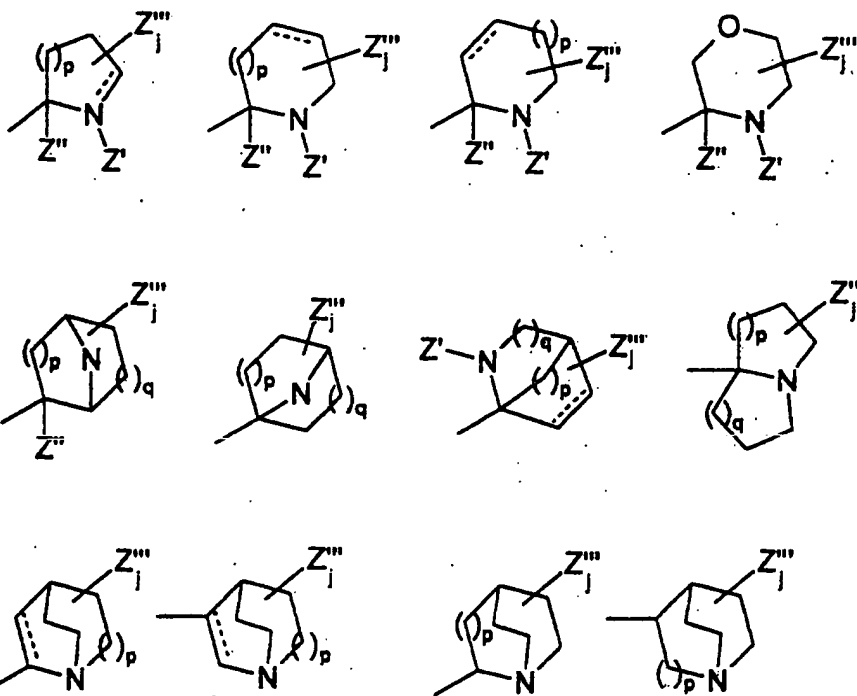
where Z' represents hydrogen or lower alkyl, acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, or aryloxy carbonyl; Z'' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Z''' is a non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; the dotted line indicates a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond; p is 0, 1 or 2; q is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and j is an integer from 0 to 3,

wherein Z'''_j refers to j number of Z''' substituents.

25. (Three Times Amended) A pharmaceutical composition incorporating a compound of



C3 where X and X' are individually carbon bonded to a substituent species selected from the group consisting of hydrogen alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl; arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, halo, -OR', -NR'R'', -CF₃, -CN, -NO₂, -C₂R', -SR', -N₃, C(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)R'', -C(=O)R', -C(=O)OR', -OC(=O)R', -O(CR'R''), C(=O)R', -O(CR'R''), NR'R'' -O(CR'R''), NR''C(=O)R', -O(CR'R''), NR''SO₂R', -OC(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)OR'', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', and -NR'SO₂R'', where R' and R'' are individually hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or an aromatic group-containing species selected from the group consisting of phenyl, benzyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolyl and quinolinyl, and r is an integer from 1 to 6, or R' and R'' can together form a cycloalkyl group; m is an integer and n is an integer such that the sum of m plus n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; E, E^I, E^{II} and E^{III} individually represent hydrogen or a suitable non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; and Q is selected from:

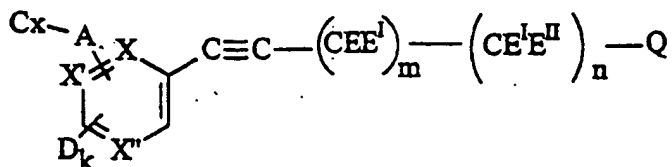


where Z' represents hydrogen or lower alkyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or aryloxycarbonyl; Z'' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Z''' is a non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; the dotted line indicates a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond; p is 0, 1 or 2; q is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and j is an integer from 0 to 3, along with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

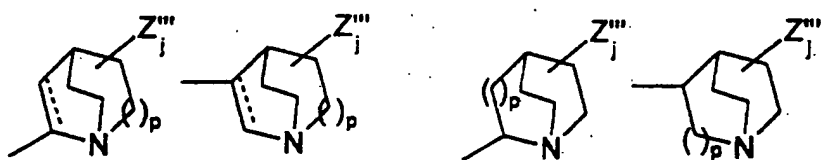
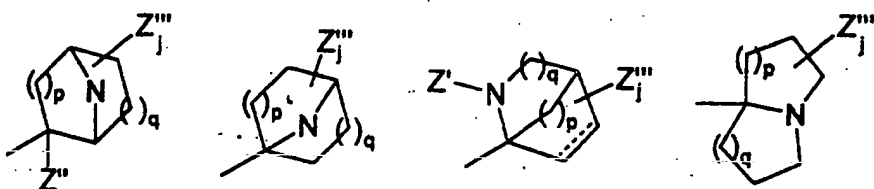
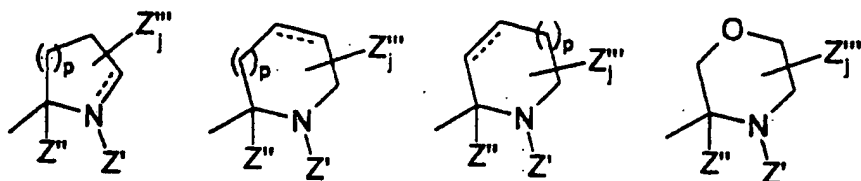
wherein Z'''_j refers to j number of Z''' substituents.

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41. (Three Times Amended) A pharmaceutical composition incorporating a compound of the formula:



where X'' is nitrogen and X and X' are individually carbon bonded to a substituent species selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl; arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, halo, -OR', -NR'R'', -CF₃, -CN, -NO₂, -C₂R', -SR', -N₃, C(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)R'', -C(=O)R', -C(=O)OR', -OC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR'R'', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''C(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''SO₂R', -OC(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)OR'', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', and -NR'SO₂R'', where R' and R'' are individually hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or an aromatic group-containing species selected from the group consisting of phenyl, benzyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolyl and quinolinyl, and r is an integer from 1 to 6, or R' and R'' can together form a cycloalkyl group; A is O, C=O or a covalent bond; D is a suitable non-hydrogen substituent species selected from the group of substituent species for X, X' and X''; k is 0, 1 or 2; Cx is selected from a group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted non-aromatic heterocyclyl, non-aromatic heterocyclylalkyl and substituted non-aromatic hetero-cyclylalkyl; m is an integer and n is an integer such that the sum of m plus n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; E, E^I, E^{II} and E^{III} individually represent hydrogen or a suitable non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; and Q is selected from:



where Z' represents hydrogen or lower alkyl, acyl, alkoxy carbonyl, or aryloxy carbonyl; Z'' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Z''' is a non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; the dotted line indicates a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond; p is 0, 1 or 2; q is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and j is an integer from 0 to 3, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

wherein Z'''^j refers to j number of Z''' substituents.

51. (Three Times Amended) A method for treating a central nervous system disorder associated with dysfunction of nicotinic receptors, said method comprising administering an effective amount of a compound having the formula:

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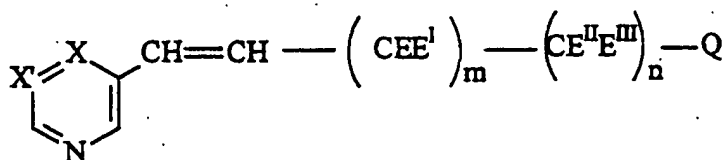
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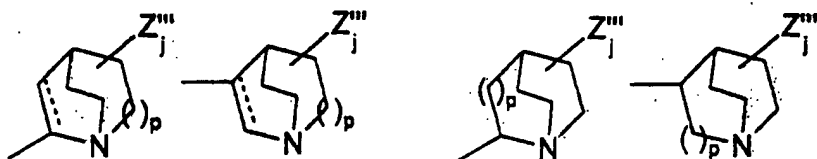
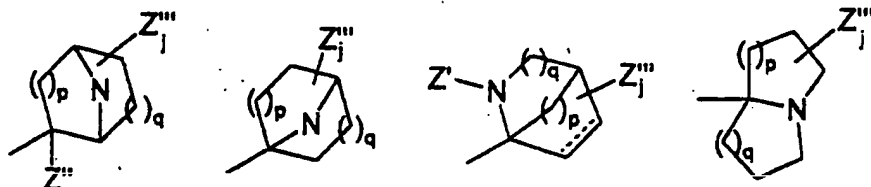
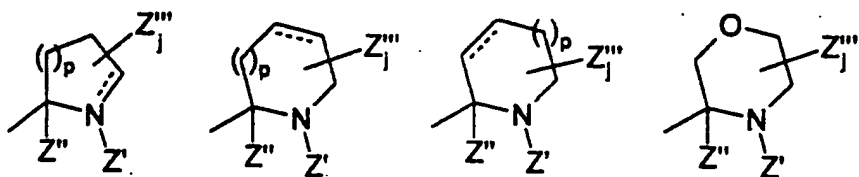
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where X and X' are individually carbon bonded to a substituent species selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl; arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, halo, -OR', -NR'R'', -CF₃, -CN, -NO₂, -C₂R', -SR', -N₃, C(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)R'', -C(=O)R', -C(=O)OR', -OC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR'R'', -O(CR'R'')_rNR'C(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''SO₂R', -OC(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)OR'', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', and -NR'SO₂R'', where R' and R'' are individually hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or an aromatic group-containing species selected from the group consisting of phenyl, benzyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolyl and quinolinyl, and r is an integer from 1 to 6, or R' and R'' can together form a cycloalkyl group; m is an integer and n is an integer such that the sum of m plus n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; E, E^I, E^{II} and E^{III} individually represent hydrogen or a suitable non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; and Q is selected from:

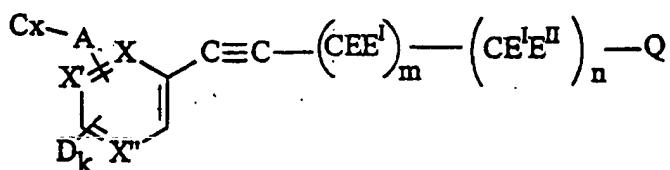


where Z' is hydrogen, lower alkyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or aryloxycarbonyl; Z'' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Z''' is a non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; the dotted line indicates a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond; p is 0, 1 or 2; q is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and j is an integer from 0 to 3,

wherein $Z'''j$ refers to j number of Z''' substituents, and

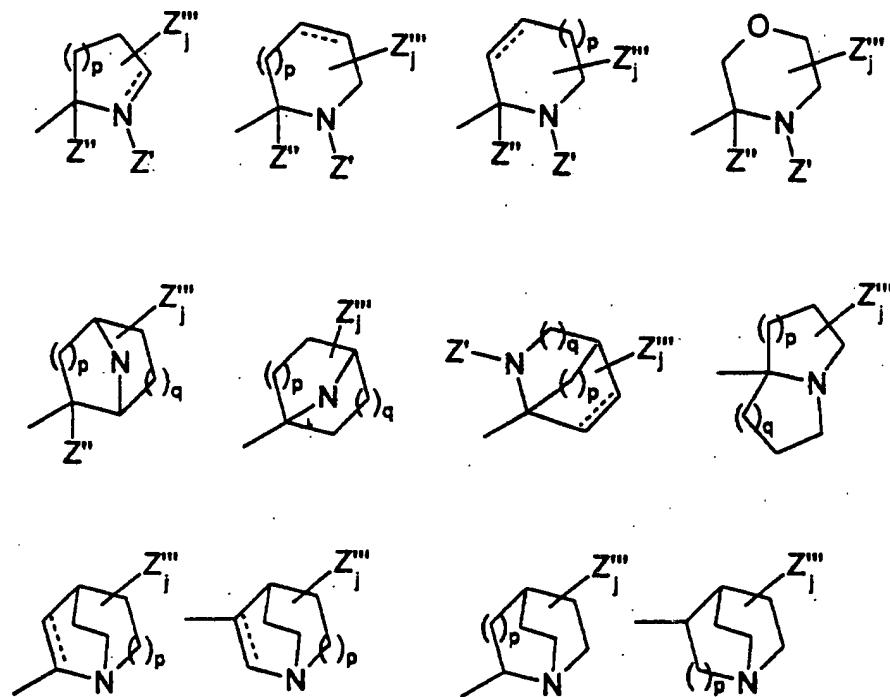
wherein the central nervous system disorder is selected from the group consisting of pre-senile dementia, senile dementia, HIV-dementia, multiple cerebral infarcts, Parkinsonism, Pick's disease, Huntington's chorea, tardive dyskinesia, hyperkinesias, mania, attention deficit disorder, anxiety, depression, mild cognitive impairment, dyslexia, schizophrenia and Tourette's syndrome.

66. (Three Times Amended) A method for treating a central nervous system disorder associated with dysfunction of nicotinic receptors, said method comprising of the administration of an effective amount of a compound having the formula:



where X'' is nitrogen, X and X' are individually carbon bonded to a substituent species selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl; arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, halo, -OR', -NR'R'', -CF₃, -CN, -NO₂, -C₂R', -SR', -N₃, C(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)R'', -C(=O)R', -C(=O)OR', -OC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rC(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR'R'', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''C(=O)R', -O(CR'R'')_rNR''SO₂R', -OC(=O)NR'R'', -NR'C(=O)OR'', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', and -NR'SO₂R'', where R' and R'' are individually hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or an aromatic group-containing species selected from the group consisting of phenyl, benzyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolyl and quinolinyl, and r is an integer from 1 to 6, or R' and R'' can together form a cycloalkyl group; A is O, C=O or a covalent bond; D is a suitable non-hydrogen substituent species selected from the group of substituent species for X, X' and X''; k is 0, 1 or 2; Cx is selected from a group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted non-aromatic heterocyclyl, non-aromatic heterocyclylalkyl and substituted non-aromatic hetero-cyclylalkyl; m is an integer and n is an integer such that the sum of m plus n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; E, E^I, E^{II} and E^{III} individually represent hydrogen or a suitable non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, aryl,

substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; and Q is selected from:



where Z' is hydrogen, lower alkyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or aryloxycarbonyl; Z'' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Z''' is a non-hydrogen substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, halo-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycl, substituted heterocycl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkylaryl, substituted alkylaryl, arylalkyl and substituted arylalkyl; the dotted line indicates a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond; p is 0, 1 or 2; q is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and j is an integer from 0 to 3,

wherein Z'''^j refers to j number of Z''' substituents, and

wherein the central nervous system disorder is selected from the group consisting of pre-senile dementia, senile dementia, HIV-dementia, multiple cerebral infarcts, Parkinsonism, Pick's disease, Huntington's chorea, tardive dyskinesia, hyperkinesias, mania, attention deficit